

If we are going to solve the welfare mess for good, take people off welfare permanently. We need to put them to work. The Deal substitute did it. The Republican welfare plan does not.

#### TIME TO CHANGE THE WELFARE SYSTEM

(Mr. RIGGS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, it is hard to know what to make of my liberal colleagues as they come to the well and ooze compassion and sport their politically correct ties, when they claim they want to end welfare as we know it. After all, they had ample opportunity to change to system during the last 2 years when they controlled both Houses of Congress and the White House.

But the sad fact is they do not want to change the welfare system, because they like it. They like it because it is good for them politically, and the truth of the matter is that the welfare bureaucracy and welfare recipients have become a core constituency of the national Democratic Party.

The American people know the current welfare system is a disaster, especially for children. Children on welfare do worse in school. They tend to have more developmental problems, and they are far more likely to end up on welfare themselves.

How can my liberal colleagues come down here and defend the current welfare systems, one which promotes intergenerational dependency on welfare, which leads to family disintegration and soaring rates of illegitimacy? How can they look the American people in the eye and say we need more of the same?

It is time to change the welfare system in America, Mr. Speaker, and change it we will for the children of this country.

#### CHILDREN WILL BE HURT BY THE REPUBLICAN WELFARE REFORM PROPOSAL

(Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today Congress will pass a welfare bill that will cut \$35.1 million out of the school lunches in the State of Texas, according to my outside-the-beltway analysis from our State comptroller in Texas.

Today the Republican majority will rejoice, but the children will be hurt. Many of my Democratic Members have been sporting ties and scarves from Save the Children, and I even heard this morning one Republican Member offered to have a secondary market in used ties.

But I am going to save mine until October and November of 1996, so when the kids start getting their lunches

taken away from them, the voters will remember in November who took those lunches away.

#### MEANINGFUL WELFARE REFORM TODAY

(Mr. HAYWORTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, the gentlewoman from Oregon offered us a scriptural admonition this morning. She quoted the words of Jesus Christ, "Suffer the little children and let them come unto me." No interpretation, no translation of that scripture have I seen that ever said, "Let them go unto a Federal Government."

Mr. Speaker, it is a simple fact, liberal Democrats oppose changing this welfare state. It suits them just fine. They created it, and they have supported it since the 1960's.

Despite the overwhelming evidence that welfare has played a major role in the breakdown of American society, liberal Democrats continue their love affair with this failed system. They seem willing to do anything to defend this failed welfare state, including a curious inability to properly count wholesale distortion of facts and shameful name-calling.

Mr. Speaker, the good news today is that the liberal Democrats' days are numbered. They no longer have a monopoly over this Congress, and their pals in the media can count fewer and fewer followers. The only refuge now for these liberal Democrats is the bureaucracy, but even this will not escape the glare of public scrutiny.

The American people have grown tired of seeing this Federal Government become the charity of first resort. Today we will have meaningful welfare reform.

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#### EFFECTS OF THE REPUBLICAN WELFARE PLAN ON FLORIDA

(Mrs. THURMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. THURMAN. Mr. Speaker, the Deal bill was not about the status quo. But let me tell you what the Republicans do to my State of Florida, and I hope my colleagues from Florida are listening also.

Block-granting cash assistance for needy families will result in Florida receiving \$412 million less.

Block-granting Federal funding for abused and neglected children and children in foster care, Florida lost \$121 million. Repealing nutrition programs including school lunch and WIC for needy families and replacing them with a lump sum capped at less than the rate of inflation will result in \$338 million less to Florida. The Republican plan would impose a rigid cap on food stamp spending allowing no adjust-

ments for economic slumps. As a result, a \$1.2 billion loss to Florida. These are just a few of the cuts. When you add them up, Florida will lose \$3.87 billion.

Mr. Speaker, it is not about change on that side, it is not about change, it is about our children. We are not talking about status quo here.

#### CURRENT WELFARE SYSTEM IS CRUEL TO CHILDREN

(Ms. DUNN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DUNN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, over the last few days we have spent a great deal of time listening to opponents of the Republican welfare overhaul talking about how cruel this bill is to children. Mr. Speaker, let me tell you what cruelty is. Cruelty is the current welfare system that has wasted \$5 trillion of taxpayer money and yet has failed to lift children from poverty.

Cruelty is the current welfare system that condemns so many of these children to a life surrounded by crime and violence and lack of ambition.

Cruelty is the current welfare system that condemns the children of these children to face the same circumstances in an endless cycle of poverty and hopelessness.

Mr. Speaker, let me tell you what the most cruel and mean-spirited act of all is: It is the cruelty found in the current liberal opposition to our bill. The liberals in Congress built this current welfare system, the system is a failure.

Today the Congress will overhaul this failed system and end cruelty to children.

#### WELFARE REFORM

(Ms. MCKINNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, as the Gingrich Republicans prepare for their blitzkrieg against the poor, and say things that I hope they do not mean, I would like to read a letter from one of their supporters, obviously inspired by their rhetoric.

The letter reads:

After watching your Negro boss do her jungle act about bringing back the brown shirts, I think we need some color shirts to control these Negro females who pop out — Negro children like monkeys in the jungle. No, I think the monkeys are more civilized. We real Americans don't intend to support — Negro children who live like rats in a hole and don't have a chance to become human. The welfare system is the cause. Even whites are becoming trash just like Negroes who pop out all these — Negro children. Don't you understand that we Americans are trying to civilize you? Why do you fight it so hard? The jungle is in Africa, though you have turned D.C. into an American jungle. Grow up and become an American.